

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. An input method combining verbal and handwritten inputs, the input method comprising:
- utilizing a speech recognition algorithm to generate a first list according to verbal input; utilizing a character recognition algorithm to
- 10 generate a second list according to handwritten input;
- generating a third list that is an intersection of characters common to the first list and the second list; and
- 15 presenting at least a character from the third list to a user.
2. The input method of claim 1 further comprising providing at least a database from which characters
- 20 are selected by the speech recognition algorithm and the character recognition algorithm to fill the first list and the second list, respectively.
3. The input method of claim 2 further comprising
- 25 adding a first character to the database, the first character generated by the user using an auxiliary input method.
4. The input method of claim 3 wherein the speech
- 30 recognition algorithm utilizes a first standard for speech recognition, and adapts the first standard to verbal characteristics of the user.

